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In Volume One, Corporate power monger Mr. Ching ruled over his Executive Assistant, a deadly secretary/bodyguard, and assassin known as Iris, with dominating authority. However, in the treacherous game of global industry—there is no control.

Experiencing a life of decency—and love—outside of Ching's immoral clutches, while confronting the demons of her past, Iris vowed to reverse the path of bloodshed and death left by her employer's decisions. Along the way, though, she discovered that even killing her master could not stop the machinations of a network that stretched far beyond her comprehension.

Enter Diane Coverdale. A new type of corporate mastermind altogether, armed with a new type of Executive Assistant. In today's modern, cutthroat world, today's CEO needs an intimidating edge to stay on top—and must look stylish doing it. But, what does Iris do in this economy of power left by Ching's death? One thing is for certain—she's not known alone in her profession. The Hit List Agenda starts now.



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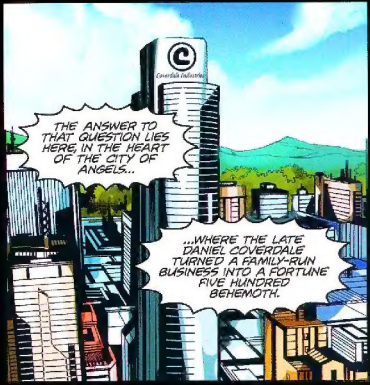
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BECAUSE  
AMERICA WANTS  
TO KNOW-- WHO  
IS DIANE  
COVERDALE?!



THE ANSWER TO  
THAT QUESTION LIES  
HERE IN THE HEART  
OF THE CITY OF  
ANGELS...

...WHERE THE LATE  
DANIEL COVERDALE  
TURNED A FAMILY-RUN  
BUSINESS INTO A FORTUNE  
FIVE HUNDRED  
BEHEMOTH.



...UNTIL HE MET  
U.S.C. GRAD STUDENT  
DIANE MARTIN WHILE  
LECTURING AT A YOUNG  
ENTREPRENEURS  
SEMINAR.

WITH HIS G.Q. LOOKS  
AND A BALANCE SHEET THAT  
WOULD MAKE DONALD TRUMP  
BLUSH, COVERDALE WAS AT THE  
TOP OF US MAGAZINE'S MOST  
ELIGIBLE BACHELOR LIST FOR  
MOST OF THE NINETIES...




...BUT IN  
THIS FAIRY  
TALE, THERE'S  
NO HAPPY  
ENDING.

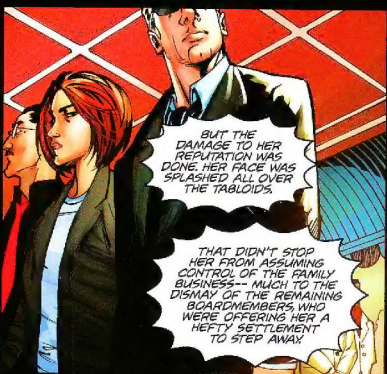
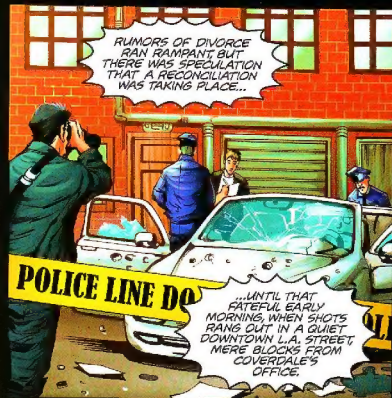


THE COURTSHIP WAS FAST  
AND FURIOUS... AND WITHIN  
EIGHTEEN MONTHS, HOLLYWOOD'S  
FIRST COUPLE WAS MARRIED AT A  
"SMALL" CEREMONY IN BALI WITH  
TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED OF  
THEIR CLOSEST FRIENDS.

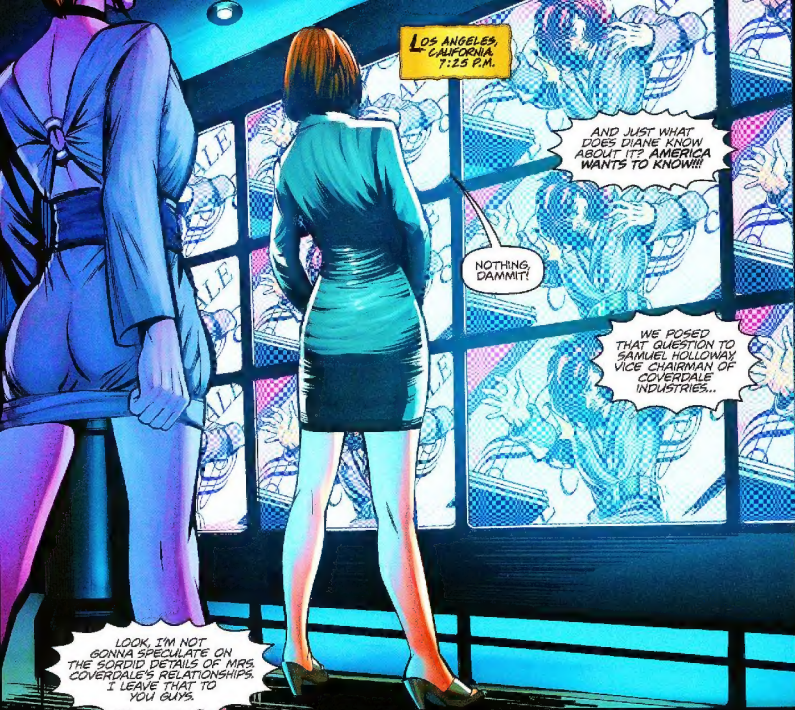
FOR A WHILE IT  
SEEMED LIKE THE  
HONEYMOON WOULD  
LAST FOREVER...



RUMORS OF SECRET  
TRYSTS WITH VIC PETERSEN  
AND OTHER HOLLYWOOD HUNKS  
DOGGED THEIR RELATIONSHIP  
AND THE ONCE-HAPPY COUPLE  
SEEMED TO DRIFT MORE AND  
MORE APART.







LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA  
7:25 P.M.

AND JUST WHAT  
DOES DIANE KNOW  
ABOUT IT? AMERICA  
WANTS TO KNOW!!!

NOTHING,  
DAMMIT!

WE POSED  
THAT QUESTION TO  
SAMUEL HOLLOWAY  
VICE CHAIRMAN OF  
COVERDALE  
INDUSTRIES...

LOOK, I'M NOT  
GONNA SPECULATE ON  
THE SORDID DETAILS OF MRS  
COVERDALE'S RELATIONSHIPS.  
I LEAVE THAT TO  
YOU GUYS.



I WILL SAY THAT  
ALTHOUGH SHE'S HAD  
SOME LUCKY BREAKS  
SINCE SHE ACQUIRED THE  
COMPANY, IT'S TIME TO  
TURN THE REINS OVER  
TO THE EXPERTS--

JESUS, TELL US  
HOW YOU REALLY  
FEEL, SAM...



@#\$%HOLE...

IF YOU  
DON'T MIND  
ME ASKING, WHY  
DO YOU SUBJECT  
YOURSELF TO  
THAT?

CLICK



MORBID  
CURIOSITY?

I GUESS I JUST  
LIKE TO KNOW WHAT  
PEOPLE ARE SAYING  
ABOUT ME-- BUT  
POINT TAKEN, ACTEIA.  
BESIDES...



"I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO TONIGHT THAN WATCH TV!"

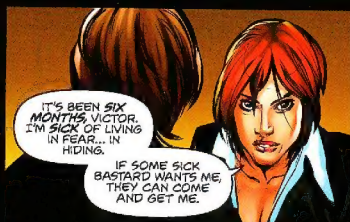
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.  
8:40 P.M.

WHY ARE WE HERE AGAIN?



JUST TRY TO ENJOY YOURSELF, ALL RIGHT?

OF COURSE, DARLING. I LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH YOU, BUT WOULDN'T WE BE SAFER AT HO--



IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS, VICTOR. I'M SICK OF LIVING IN FEAR... IN HIDING.

IF SOME SICK BASTARD WANTS ME, THEY CAN COME AND GET ME.



YOU DON'T MEAN THAT.

DAMNED RIGHT I DO.

BESIDES, I HAVE REAL PROTECTION NOW.

HERE ARE MANY REASONS TO HIRE AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.



AT ONE TIME, THEY SERVED A VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSE: SUBTLE SECURITY.

PERSONALLY I PREFER THE GUYS WITH THE DARK SUITS, EAR-PIECES, AND GLOCKS. BUT IF YOU SAY SHE'S BETTER, I BELIEVE YOU.

TO PEACE OF MIND...

TO US...

IF YOU WERE A BUSINESSMAN AND YOUR DEALINGS REQUIRED YOU TO HAVE TRANSACTIONS WITH UNSAVORY TYPES, YOU HIRED AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.

EXCUSE ME, HONEY?

SOMEONE WHO COULD KEEP YOU SAFE WITHOUT TIPPING OFF YOUR ASSOCIATE THAT YOU, IN FACT, DIDN'T TRUST THEM.

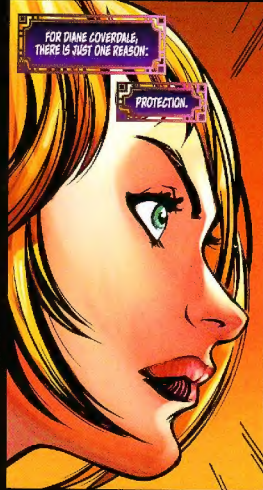
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GET LOST.

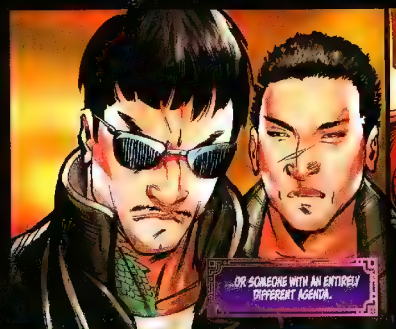
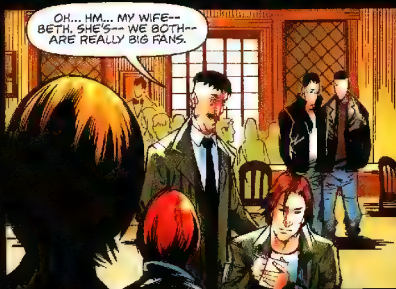
YOU GOT IT.

OVER TIME, AND DEPENDING UPON THE EMPLOYER, THE ROLE HAS EXPANDED...

...ASSASSIN, CONCUSSING, CONFIDENT, THERAPIST, ARE JUST A FEW OF THE ROLES THAT EMPLOYERS ASSIGN TO THEIR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS THESE DAYS.













AT THE MAJORITY OF ACADEMIES,  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS ARE  
TRAINED TO KEEP COLLATERAL  
DAMAGE TO A MINIMUM.



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THAT'S COMMON SENSE, REALLY,  
BECAUSE FAILURE TO DO SO CAN  
HAVE UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES,  
SUCH AS LOSING YOUR EMPLOYER.

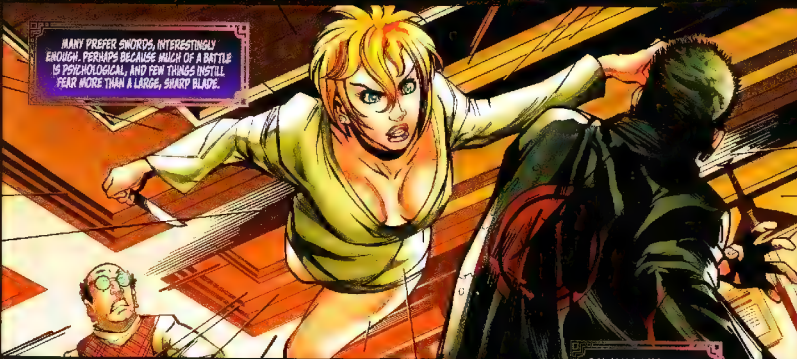


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AND WHILE THEIR MARTIAL ARTS  
TRAINING IS USUALLY SUFFICIENT  
TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK...




...ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS  
HAVE A PREFERRED SECONDARY  
WEAPON OF CHOICE.




MANY PREFER SWORDS, INTERESTINGLY  
ENOUGH. PERHAPS BECAUSE MUCH OF A BATTLE  
IS PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND FEW THINGS INSTILL  
FEAR MORE THAN A LARGE, SHARP BLADE.

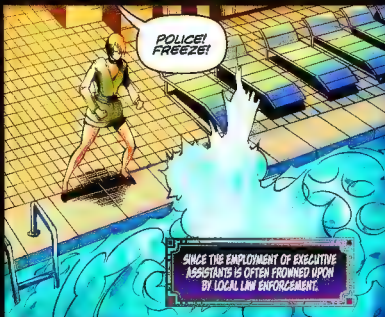
BUT WHEN A SWORD IS TOO...  
OBVIOUS OF AN ACCESSORY,  
AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
WILL STILL BE PREPARED.



AFTER ALL, IN THE PROPER  
HANDS, A KNIFE CAN BE JUST  
AS SCARY-- AND DEADLY--  
AS A SWORD.







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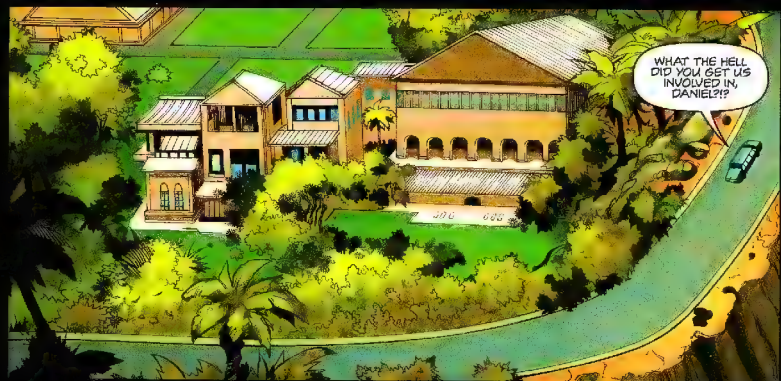
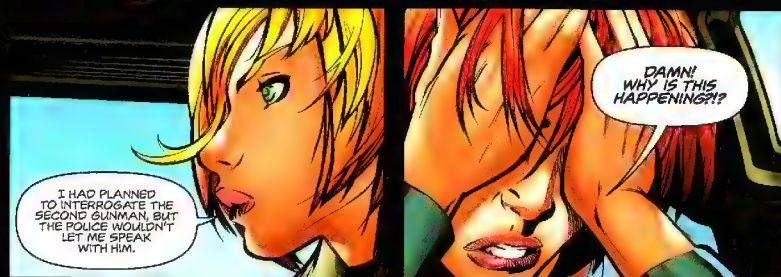
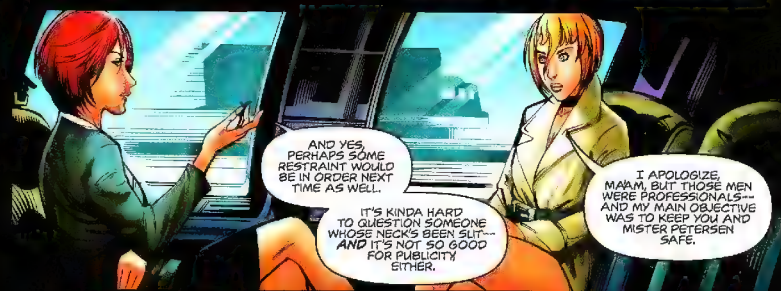
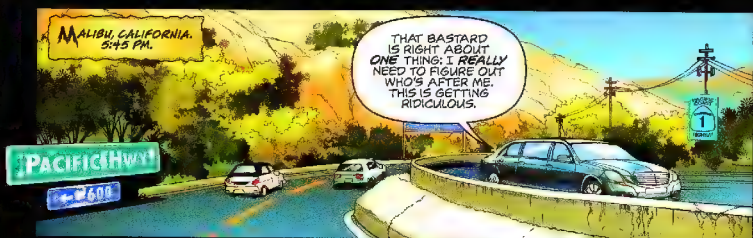
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NO OFFENSE  
MRS. COVERDALE,  
BUT THIS IS EXACTLY  
THE KIND OF TABLOID  
MATERIAL THAT THE  
COMPANY CAN DO  
WITHOUT!

THEY WERE  
TRYING TO  
KILL ME.









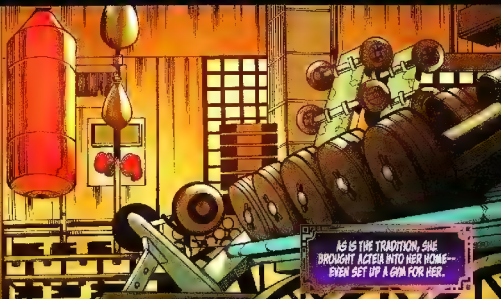
I NEED TO  
RELAX.

6:15 P.M.



MRS. COVERDALE HOPED THAT AN  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WOULD MAKE  
HER SECURITY PROBLEMS GO AWAY.

AND IN THE SIX MONTHS SINCE SHE ACQUIRED ACTEA,  
THINGS DID SEEM TO BE GETTING MORE CALM.



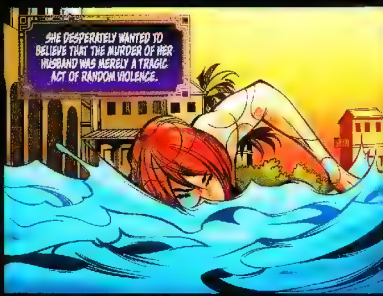
AS IS THE TRADITION, SHE  
BROUGHT ACTEA INTO HER HOME--  
EVEN SET UP A GYM FOR HER.

HAVING HER CLOSE  
GIVE DIANE PEACE  
OF MIND.

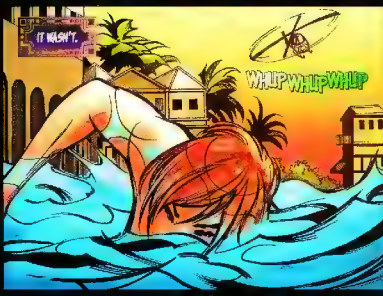


YET SHE KNEW  
THAT TROUBLE WAS  
STILL LOOMING.

SHE DESPERATELY WANTED TO  
BELIEVE THAT THE MURDER OF HER  
HUSBAND WAS MERELY A TRAGIC  
ACT OF RANDOM VIOLENCE.



IT WASN'T.

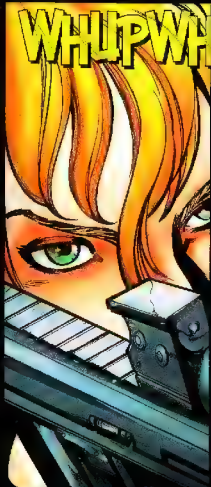


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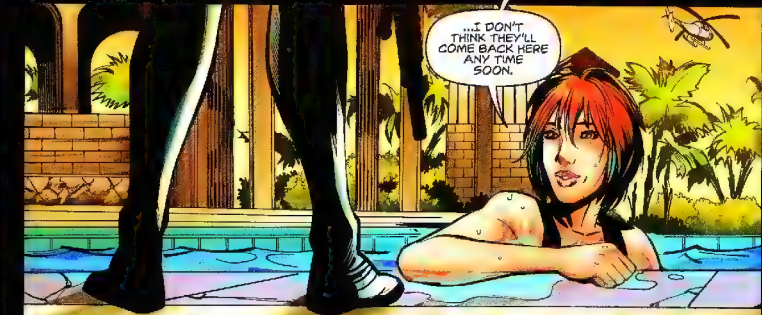


NO...  
WAX...

IT'S  
PAPARAZZI,  
MA'AM.

SHOULD  
I...?

HAHA!  
NO...



...I DON'T  
THINK THEY'LL  
COME BACK HERE  
ANY TIME  
SOON.



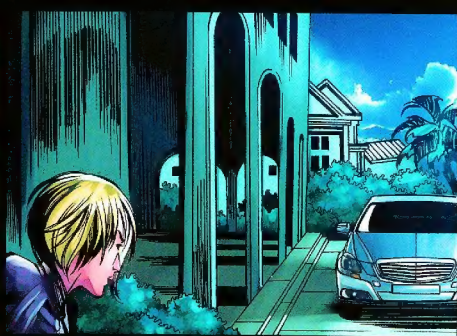
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THE COLD, HARD TRUTH IS,  
SECURITY IS A TENUOUS THING.

IF A PERSON WANTS SOMETHING--  
OR SOMEONE--BADLY ENOUGH,  
THEY WILL EVENTUALLY GET IT.

NO MATTER WHO  
IS PROTECTING IT.









ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY  
DON'T REALIZE THAT THEY  
ARE THE TARGET.

NICE TO SEE  
YOU AGAIN,  
ACTEIA...

TO BE CONTINUED!  
EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT: IRIS #2

# EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT IRIS

# #2

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER  
NAME WOULDN'T BE  
AS DEADLY!

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### The Hit List Agenda Checklist

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☐ EA: LOTUS #1

☐ EA: VIOLET #1

**AUGUST 2011**

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☐ EA: ORCHID #2

☐ EA: LOTUS #2

☐ EA: VIOLET #2

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

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☐ EA: ORCHID #3

☐ EA: LOTUS #3

☐ EA: VIOLET #3

**OCTOBER 2011**

☐ EA: IRIS #4

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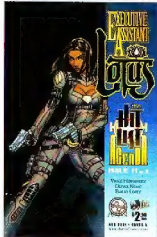
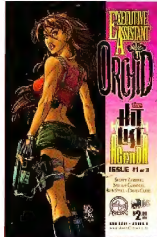


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